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In the view of one of the President's top political advisers, a Republican ticket of Texan George Bush, former GOP national chairman and chief of the CIA, and Illinois Governor James Thompson would provide the most formidable opposition for Carter in 1980. Reason: The two would offer geographical balance and appeal to independent voters.

Reports of increasing violence and disturbances in the Soviet Union are filtering out to Western intelligence sources. Officials do not yet know whether scattered bomb explosions, demonstrations at a soccer game, and work stoppages reflect general unrest or are part of a coordinated effort.